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mean interest to mankind - to the slave - to the world - & we ought to humble ourselves before God & the world that we have lost sight of it so long & done so much injury to it by destroying or attacking the reputation of each other - How amazingly Mr G. misses his mark in running a tilt at *every* thing or even at *any thing* that rises of a personal character -

The Lord give us all grace & wisdom -

Yrs truly, N. Crosby

P.S. I shall be impatient to receive a note from Mr G. or yrself - in explanation - Do it with the same frankness that I have done this - N.C -

as I live I shall work & pray & go on - but, I shall have no hand in spreading what I deem _error_ - in other words - I shall seek a company of associates, who shall correspond with me in sentiment - or shall agree (& practice too) to stick to _Abolition_. Our abolition car (as Bro W. says) will soon be crushed under the accumulated burthen of peace - moral reform. anti clergy Sab. & every new fangled whim of the day -

However, if you have patience to read my letter you will learn my views - I have just retd. from our Concert for Slaves, wh you know comes Sab. Evg - We are united here. have kept the Cause of the _Slave_ before us - There has not been a word about Appeal or Garrison in our meetings - & I hope we shall go on so - . . . . . .

My letter to Mr G. is not for the paper - You will do as you please at the L. office - I can only say, that I shall not cooperate with you unless there is a change - I would not suffer the paper to come into my family to be read as it has been by us all, poisoned with such principles as are developed in the answer to the Spectator - Of course it will be a small matter to have me draw off or stop the paper. Mr G. is free to act as he thinks best, except as he may be pledged to the Socy - _and so am I_ - If all other abolitionists - or most others approve the plan of the L. why then, I suppose it must go on - Such however is not the opinion of our friends here - - I have not written to - seen or heard from the Appellants since I saw you - I know nothing of their plans - & for ought I see or know I shall soon be fighting upon "my own hook" - This is no laughing matter - the Cause is one of my

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Friend Phelps.

I sent by yesterdays mail a long letter to Mr Garrison, which I wish you to read - & you will see what considerations I have urged upon him - I have suffered amazingly from the Appeal, Answers, attack upon Sab. Clergy &c, &c, & that so much of the Liberator has been taken up in resolutions, letters, &c. &c. to the almost entire neglect of the poor slave - It does really seem now that in Mr Garrisons estimation, he is of more consequence than the millions for whom we have prayed & laboured so long - This may seem rather a hard charge - But upon what other ground can we put this lengthened effort to put down all those who have ventured to dissent from him.

I cannot write much this Evg & must therefore say that I have been wholly dissatisfied with the Liberator ever since I saw you & you said it would soon leave the subject - But no number of it, that I now recollect has displeased me so much as the very last - The three first columns upon the Spectator are an outrage upon his readers, who are not quakers & who value their religious principles at all - I have never taken the Spectator - & know very little about it or its editor - His articles too on Woodbury - Deac. Gulliver &c. &c. are very objectionable -

Things cannot go on so - there must be a radical change or we are lost as a united party - I insist upon it. It is Garrisons sectarian notions that have raised all this trouble & if he does not quit "sifting" them in (it is altogether more than "sifting".) there must & will be another organization - I shall I trust be an abolitionist as long